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FOREIGN EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign equipments are more reliable than the domestic products as reported in the `Times of India` dated November 22, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Director General, Quality Assurance for selection of equipments for the use of armed forces;

(d) the reasons due to which domestic products are not fit for defence use; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make indigenous equipments more reliable than foreign equipments?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA) does not select equipment for use of the armed forces.They only perform quality assurance of the equipment as per the contracted specifications.

(d) & (e): Indigenous equipment are being used for defence purpose. These are also subjected to stringent quality and reliability tests as applicable to foreign equipment.